

INSTRUCTION

LEARNING THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Board of Education recognizes that community service learning can help students develop skills, career awareness and self-esteem. Service experiences also can motivate students by letting them apply what they are studying in addressing local needs, seeking to resolve issues, and by showing them that they can make a contribution to their community through involved citizenship.

Community service may be defined as service learning through a career path, integrated curricular service in the fulfilling of course requirements, or personally directed volunteerism within the school or community.

Community service learning experience shall be required for high school graduation beginning with the class of the year 2002. The Superintendent or designee shall determine the number of hours of service to be performed in connection with community service learning by conferring with and through the advisement of the Secondary School Principals, Department Chairpersons, teachers, parents and students. Individual circumstances may be considered in meeting this requirement.

Parents/guardians shall receive information about the community service learning opportunities offered by the District and their benefits for both the community and the student. The District shall ask parents/guardians to acknowledge this information before students participate in off-campus service activities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35160.1 Broad authority of school districts
- 51210 Areas of study, grades 1 to 6
- 51220 Areas of study, grades 7 to 12
- 51745 Independent study